

Hymn of Praise

Gloria from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel-sis - De - o! Glo-ria!

Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Je-sus! on-ly Son of God Je-sus! on-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: Je-sus! have mer-cy on us, Je-sus! you are seat-ed at the right hand of God, re-

ceive our prayer. you are ho-ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the

glo-ry of God! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Love came down at Christmas

Hymnal 84

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Rejoicing in the mercy of God, manifested for our salvation in the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, let us pray for all the needs of the world saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

That the churches may know God and God's wisdom, that they may be assemblies of God's grace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That this assembly may be refreshed in its mission to bear witness to the word and wisdom of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of the nations may be brought to your wisdom, may honor peace, and may protect the earth's resources, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who suffer the ravages of winter, the hungry, the elderly, the unemployed, the refugees, and the sick among us, especially (*the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud*), may be clothed with healing and comfort, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died especially (*the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud*), that they may rest in peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹ Universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the side chapel or beside the vigil candle rack during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the the concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory

Kneel with the Shepherds

Music by Pattis Drennan, Words by Herb Frombach

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Hymnal 517

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy.)

Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit, in the name of the
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

Love Came Down at Christmas

Alice Jordan; Murray Bradshaw

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Our Father, by whose Name

Hymnal 587

Please stand and face the cross as we process.

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Sortie Sur les Noëls

Marcel Rouher

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship and Formation from 11:30-noon.

Serving This Week
Team 1 – 1st Sunday of the Month

Acolytes	Judy Wareham, Gina Trevisan, Raghav Rajan
Chalice	Drew Darby – Server, Maggie Kennedy
Psalm	Maggie Kennedy
Lay Readers	Bridget Nahabedian, Seryozha La Porte
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Dolen
Ushers	Shirley & Larry Myers, Liz Rose
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Ruth McCool
Pastoral Care Team	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Altar Guild	Ruth McCool, Pauli Powers, Kathy Helms, Roger Crow
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow
Counters	Barbara Jakovich and Marcia Semple

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday 1/5	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	Daughters of the King New Member Class (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 1/6	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 1/7	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Program (Office)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 1/8	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 1/9	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 1/10	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sat. 1/11	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 1/12	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 5, 2020

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven,
Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy,
Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements January 5, 2020



Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.
Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!
We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am-Esther McClain

**10:15 am-Shirley & Larry Myers, Cathy & Miles Sexton,
Laura & Ted Andrews**

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Tim & Kathy Helms

*10:15-Judy & Bruce Kelly, Anne & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

**The Vestry Greeter today is Kay Armstrong
come by and say hello**



Today
at
ST. PAUL'S



On the 12th day of Christmas...

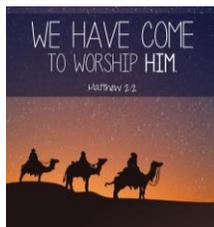
SECOND SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, 1/5

Let's celebrate the final day of Christmas together. We'll join our voices with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven who sing God's praises. Let us go tell it on the mountain and everywhere. We pray that your Christmastide has been joyful and filled with wonderful blessings.

REHEARSALS FOR THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT – during Sunday School and after church.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Sunday 1/5, 11:45 am in the Community Room

Daughters of the King is an international order of women dedicated to prayer and service. This Orientation is for anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the order. We will present the who, what and why of the order and discuss the options for the study. This is a time for inquiring minds to come together. No commitment needed until we end the study period in March.



Wise men still seek him – wise women and children, too...

EPIPHANY PAGEANT - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15am

All are welcome! Come enjoy the service and, in place of the sermon, we'll have the annual Epiphany Pageant featuring our Sunday School children and a host of volunteers. This year's pageant is under the direction of Grace Dunlevy and Sara Lamola. Our thanks to everyone who made this wonderful presentation possible!

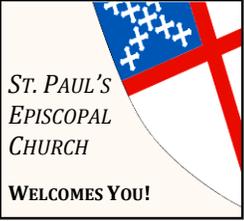
Doing our part as an Abolitionist Congregation...

FAIR TRADE SALES NEXT SUNDAY: Buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers.



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

A warm welcome to you! We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.

	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week's ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul's Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the "Learning Sign Language" playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, January 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera All are welcome! This month - Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA by Amaryllis Fox.</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – January 19 The next baptism opportunity will be on the Sunday we remember the Baptism of our Lord. <i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, or would like to arrange baptism for a child, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. We look forward to it!</i></p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!</i> NEWCOMER COFFEE WITH OUR CLERGY – Sunday, 1/19 at 11:45am Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. <i>All are welcome!</i> All are welcome! Next month's Coffee with our Clergy will be on Sunday, 2/23 at 11:45am when we'll talk about <i>Working Together to Make a Difference in the World</i>. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day Sunday, January 19 at 7 pm We invite you to come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Looking for ways to help make a difference?</i> MISSION OUTREACH – Donations Requested A Note from Dr. Steve Jones: West African Medical Missions is going to Jamaica in March and are asking for donations. They need all donations to be submitted by January 15th so we can buy medication and book airline tickets. Anyone interested in going on the trip, please contact me through the church office. Thanks!</p>
	<p><i>Once a year we gather to do the business of the church. Please mark your calendar and join us.</i> ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING – January 26 at 11:30am All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a quorum. At this important meeting we will elect new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year. Please mark it on your calendar. Thanks!</p>
	<p><i>We appreciate your generous support of our mission and ministry!</i> PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE If you requested pledge envelopes, they're ready for you in the narthex (lobby). Thank you so much for your pledge!!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i> Thank you for your generosity! Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</p>